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Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: **HB 101** HLS 12RS 668

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

<b>Date:</b> April 3, 2012	11:09 AM	<b>Author:</b> EDWARDS
<b>Dept./Agy.:</b> 21st Judicial District Court		
<b>Subject:</b> Authorizes an increase in court costs for the 21st JDC		<b>Analyst:</b> Mitch Chauvin

COURTS/COURT COSTS

EG +\$238,000 LF RV See Note

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Authorizes an increase in fees or court costs for the 21st Judicial District Court

**Purpose of Bill:** This measure authorizes the 21st Judicial District Court (JDC) to increase the court costs from an amount not to exceed \$10 to an amount not to exceed \$20. The fee may be imposed on any civil suit and all criminal cases that the defendant who is convicted after trial, pleads guilty or nolo contendere, or who forfeits his bond in the 21st JDC.

As required by state law, the 21st JDC submitted a proposal to the Judicial Review Council to review their proposed increases in court costs. The Judicial Review Council has reviewed their proposal and recommended approval of the fees.

EXPENDITURES	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

REVENUES	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$200,000	\$238,000	\$238,000	\$238,000	\$238,000	\$1,152,000
Annual Total	\$200,000	\$238,000	\$238,000	\$238,000	\$238,000	\$1,152,000

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on local governmental expenditures as a result of this bill.

An official with the 21st JDC indicated that this bill would not directly impact the JDC’s expenditures.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

This measure may increase local governmental revenues for the 21st JDC by approximately \$238,000 annually.

An official with the 21st JDC stated that average collections for the past five years were approximately \$238,000 annually. If this measure is enacted, court costs are anticipated to increase from \$10 to \$20 or 100%, therefore collections are anticipated to increase by 100%.

The 2012-13 fiscal year's increase in revenue is lower than the subsequent years shown as it has been prorated; collections are not anticipated to begin until August 2012.